

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1763**

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Application No.: 09/696,232	)	Examiner: Allan W. Olsen
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Filed: October 26, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 5127
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For: ETCHING METHOD	)	

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, the period for response to which extends through May 18, 2009, as May 17, 2009 is a Sunday, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.